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Amendment to the Specification:

At page 1, lines 3-9, replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

This Application is a continuation of Application U.S. Serial No. 07/833,973 filed on February 11, 1992 now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,174,999 which is a continuation-in-part of U.S.S.N.-U.S. Serial No. 07/703,254 filed May 20, 1991, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S.S.N. U.S. Serial No. 07/543,163 filed June 25, 1990, now issued as U.S. Pat. Patent No. 5,017,229, May 1991, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S.S.N. U.S. Serial No. 07/100,104 entitled "Water Insoluble Derivatives of Hyaluronic Acid" filed September 18, 1987, now issued as U.S. Pat. No. 4,937,270, June 1990.



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